

Will You Stand or Fall?

He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

Daniel 2:22 (KJV) 



With this article we are going to examine one of the many parables in the New testament. What is a parable exactly?

Psalms 78:2  defines them as 'dark sayings'. They are nuggets of spiritual truth; hidden from plain view, as in the shadows. You see, they are not immediately understood unless the hearer meditates upon their meanings and the Holy Spirit sheds the light of understanding upon them. Nobody stumbles upon spiritual truth accidentally.

What Does it Mean to “Fall Away”?

Every Christian should be familiar with the parable of the sower. Sometimes Christ explains the meanings of His parables. In this one He tells us that the seeds represent the word of God and where they fall the condition of the hearer's heart.

They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

Luke 8:13 (KJV) 

The parable of the sower gives us a glimpse into several types of hearers of the Word. In the above verse we are introduced to the idea that hearers of the word may “fall away”. What does that phrase mean? They believe for a while, but in times of temptation they stop believing. Why? There are a thousand reasons why this could happen; maybe someone they respect mocks their belief, or perhaps they watch a show on evolution. Whatever the cause they don't have the strength to stand in the faith because they 'have no root'.

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

Hebrews 6:4-6 (KJV) 

Once again the phrase 'fall away' is used to refer to salvation, which we can understand to be in a state of repentance. What that means is simply that the believer repents whenever they sin. Some try to twist Paul's words here by claiming those he speaks of were never saved to begin with. But that lie is easily proven wrong by the fact that these people received the “Heavenly gift”. That is the Holy Spirit friends, and our God is not a fool. He does not give out free samples to the unsaved.

Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

Galatians 5:4 (KJV)

When scripture refers to falling it usually symbolizes losing one's salvation. If salvation is to be in a state of repentance then we can consider 'falling away' to no longer be repentant for ones sins. When was the last time you repented? For the true Christian it is every time we sin. Does that mean we 'fall away' every time we sin? Of course not, it simply means that we repent whenever a sin is brought to our minds by the Holy Spirit. You see, whenever we sin it grieves the Holy Spirit in us (**Ephesians 4:30 KJV**) which should trigger an immediate response. If you cannot hear that still, small voice in your heart you are in a very dangerous state. In the book of Revelation Christ likens repentance to keeping our garments clean (Revelation 16:15 KJV).

Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

Revelation 2:5 (KJV)

Those who have fallen from grace are not in a relationship with Christ. How do they rectify this situation? Scripture clearly tells us they must repent just like the prodigal son did (**Luke 15:21-24 KJV**)!

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

2 Thessalonians 2:3 (KJV)

We are even now witnessing this great falling away from the faith that must occur before the rapture of the church clears the path for the Antichrist to be revealed. He is the rider of the white horse of the apocalypse. How can anyone cling to the eternal security lie in the face of these plain words of God?

What Does it Mean to Stand?

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Ephesians 6:11-13 (KJV)

What is the opposite of falling? To stand up. In the above passage we are encouraged to put on the armor of God so that we may stand no matter how difficult the fight becomes.

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Ephesians 4:14 (KJV)

Paul likens those who drift from one false doctrine to another to children, immature in the faith. How does one avoid being tossed to and fro? We must be grounded and standing in the Word of God and have His precious Holy Spirit guiding our every thought and action.

Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

2 Thessalonians 2:15 (KJV)

Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

Revelation 3:4 (KJV) 

Look at all these words I have written to explain something that should be immediately apparent to anyone with the Holy Spirit operating in their lives. Scripture clearly tells us that we may fall away from God's grace by defiling our garments. And since we are warned throughout scripture to stand we must be able to stumble and fall. Keep your garments brothers and sisters that you may be found worthy to escape the tribulation and stand before the Son of man (**Luke 21:36 KJV** ).

